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BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of the City of Wisconsin Rapids, the City of Plymouth,  
the City of Oconto Falls, the City of Marshfield, and the City of Reedsburg  
as Electric Public Utilities, and Badger Power Marketing, as a Municipal  
Electric Company, for Authority to Purchase Equity Interests in the American  
Transmission Company LLC

05-EI-125

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING  
AND  
INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS**

**THIS IS A PROCEEDING** to investigate applications by five municipal electric public utilities and a municipal electric company to purchase equity interests in American Transmission Company LLC (ATC), pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 196.485(6)(a)3. Under this statute, an electric utility that only owns incidental transmission facilities may become a member of ATC by contributing funds, rather than transferring its transmission assets. State law specifies that such a transmission-dependent utility may purchase an equity interest in ATC “on terms and conditions that are comparable to those for public utility affiliates that have contributed transmission facilities.” Under Wis. Stat. § 196.485(3m)(c)3.a and according to the terms of the Shareholders Agreement for the corporate manager of ATC (ATC Management, Inc.), any transmission-dependent utility that holds at least 10 percent of ATC has the right to appoint one director to ATC Management, Inc.

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicants. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicants in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

The Commission intends to investigate these applications without hearing.

This is a Type III action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(3). Since no unusual circumstances have come to the attention of the Commission which indicate that significant environmental consequences are likely, neither an environmental impact statement under Wis. Stat. § 1.11 nor an environmental assessment is required.

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Questions regarding this matter may be directed to case coordinator John E. Feit at (608) 266-5620.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, \_\_\_\_\_

By the Commission:

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Lynda L. Dorr  
Secretary to the Commission

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